

the assistance. The county will not, it may be assumed, take any action calculated to give relief to the city unless the Minister releases their hands. It is content to remain isolated and to enjoy the fruits produced by the amalgamation scheme, with its serious reactions on the Borough. But, as Mr MacLysaght says, the present condition of things "must ultimately have a dual reaction" on both. It is only through a bold plan on the part of the Minister that the city can hope for relief from the excessive taxation imposed on it by the existing poor law system, and unless he is prepared to play his part nothing will eventuate from the recommendations embodied in the Inspector's report. A City Manager, with a reduction in the personnel of the present Corporation, would be productive of better results as far the municipal administration proper is concerned, but would do nothing to reduce expenditure on poor law services. This is obvious from the fact that the City Board of Health is an administrative body, and quite independent of the Corporation. Should there be a re-adjustment or re-arrangement of the poor law it may be accepted that a Manager, if appointed, would bring the rates to a level that the citizens could more easily meet, while the outlook, from a trade and business standpoint, would be brighter.

CRICKET TEST.

M.C.C. v. Australia.

M.C.C.—Close of play, 524 (all out).
 Second Innings—Australia, 164 for 9.

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DEATH OF MR. JOHN KERR.

A Former Mayor of Limerick.

We regret to record the death of an old and popular citizen, Mr John Kerr, who passed away yesterday at his residence, 56 Clare Street. Mr Kerr was for a long period of years mill manager of the Roche's Street concern of Messrs J. Bannatyne and Sons, and he enjoyed the highest esteem of his employers and that of the staff; his kindly, courteous, and businesslike manner being characteristic of him. He was for several years a member of the Corporation, and just a quarter of a century ago filled for one year the office of Mayor, and ably discharged the duties appertaining thereto. He was also a J.P. for the city, but resigned the Commission in 1917. He had long since lived in retirement at his residence, and all who had the pleasure of knowing a most estimable citizen have heard of his death with deep regret, and tender their sincere sympathy to his bereaved family.

The funeral arrangements will be found in obituary notice.

DEATH OF MR P. McINERNEY.

Numerous friends in the city will learn with regret of the death of Mr Patrick McInerney, son of the late Mr Edward McInerney, Charles Street, shipwright, which took place at his residence, Westland Terrace, yesterday, after a prolonged illness. Deceased belonged to an old Limerick family, who for generations had been connected with the ship-building industry in the city. He, himself, was for twenty-five years one of the Harbour staff as shipwright, and his bright and genial manner made him a very popular companion and staunch friend. He was brother-in-law of the late Mr Martin Fitzgerald, Secretary of the Gas Committee. To Mr McInerney's relatives deep sympathy is extended in their sorrow. Funeral arrangements appear in obituary notice.